

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 48, lines 21-27 with the following amended paragraph:

Antibodies to PDGFD were generated as described in International Patent Application No. WO 01/25433 using an active protein fragment of the gene product from clone 30664188.0.99 arises in the conditioned medium obtained when HEK293 cells are transfected with the plasmid pCEP4/Sec-30664188 (see ~~Examples 17 and 18~~). This vector harbors a fragment of the gene product of clone 30664188.0.99 that encompasses the entire amino acid sequence except for the predicted N-terminal signal peptide. The active fragment is termed the p35 form of the 30664188.0.99, or “p35” herein.